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Mr. Bharat Mathur  
Acting Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region V  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3950

Re: Redesignation Petition and Maintenance  
Plan for Sulfur Dioxide Attainment in  
Lake County, Indiana; Final Submittal

Dear Mr. Mathur:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) prepared a Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Lake County, Indiana, in reference to the sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) air quality standard, and submitted it to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) with a request for parallel processing on June 21, 2005. On July 6, 2005, IDEM submitted the final documentation for the request for approval of the Lake County Sulfur Dioxide Limitations into the State Implementation Plan (SIP). U.S. EPA published the proposed approval of both the SIP revision and the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan on July 29, 2005 (70 FR 43820).

IDEM conducted a public hearing concerning the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan on July 26, 2005. The public comment period concluded on July 29, 2005. No comments were received.

This submittal of the final documentation for the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan includes the following:

- Publishers affidavits for the public hearing
- Transcript of the public hearing

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On April 8, 2005, IDEM submitted a request for parallel processing of a State Implementation Plan submittal for rules concerning Lake County Sulfur Dioxide Limitations. This submittal included supporting documentation for the rule and a detailed modeling analysis. The final rule will become effective in Indiana on June 24, 2005, and will be published in the Indiana Register on July 1, 2005. At that time, the official version of the rule and signature page from promulgation of the rule will be sent to U.S. EPA.

The draft documents with this request are available for public review and IDEM is accepting comments through July 29, 2005. A public hearing concerning the draft is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2005, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Business, Science & Administration Building at Ivy Tech State College, 1440 East 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gary, Indiana. IDEM intends to submit the final draft of the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan to U.S. EPA by August 9, 2005.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Christine Pedersen, Air Programs Branch at (317)233-6868.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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